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AT CONSLUSION OF SPEECH TONIGHT, WHICH DEVOTED MAINLY TO ECONOMIC SUBJECTS, PRESIDENT SAID HE FELT COMPELLED TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON KIDNAPPING BECAUSE OF CHARGES GODR DID NOT HAVE DEFINED POLICY ON THIS SITUATION. HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. GODR'S FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT CONCERN WAS FOR LIVES OF HOSTAGES AND GOVT HAD TAKEN NO ACTION WHICH WOULD PUT THEIR LIVES IN DANGER.

B. GODR HAD GIVEN GUARANTEE--THROUGH AMBASSADORS OF THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF VENEZUELA--TO PROTECT LIVES OF KIDNAPPERS IF THEY GAVE THEMSELVES UP TO THE AUTHORITIES.

C. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THERE WERE THREE WOMEN AMONG HOSTAGES HE WAS GOING TO MAKE ULTIMATE AND DEFINITIVE OFFER TO THE KIDNAPPERS. HE WOULD GRANT THEM SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE COUNTRY OF THEIR CHOICE. THERE
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WOULD BE NO FUTHER OFFERS.

D. HE HOPED THE KIDNAPPERS WOULD RECEIVE THIS LAST OFFER
WITH INTELLIGENCE, WISDOM AND SANITY.

E. ALL NATIONS UNDERSTOOD THE NECESSITY OF UPHOLDING
THE LAW; IN THIS CONNECTION, FRANCE HAD ALREADY REFUSED TO
GRANT ASYLUM TO THE KIDNAPPERS.
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